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US Patent No. 5,715,348 to Falkenberg et al. discloses a fiber management system and method for routing optical fiber having a minimum bend radius.

US Patent No. 5,828,807 to Tucker et al. discloses an optical network unit (onu) mechanical enclosure.

US Patent No. 5,850,400 to Eames et al. discloses a system, method, and apparatus for bidirectional transport of digital data between a digital network and a plurality of devices.

US Patent No. 5,935,209 to Budhraj et al. discloses a system and method for managing fiber-to-the-curb network elements.

US Patent No. 5,982,972 to Tucker et al. discloses a line card for optical network unit mechanical enclosure.

US Patent No. 5,991,912 to Mao discloses a digital video transport error handling in cell based communications systems.

US Patent No. 6,064,652 to Buckland et al. discloses a cell grant mechanism.

US Patent No. 6,078,593 to Eames et al. discloses a method and apparatus for reliable operation of universal voice grade cards.

US Patent No. 6,081,519 to Petler discloses in-home communications system.

US Patent No. 6,084,852 to Ebringer discloses a burst mode preamble.

US Patent No. 6,094,464 to Ebringer et al. discloses a burst mode receiver.

US Patent No. 6,097,721 to Goody discloses a method and apparatus for identifying signals for a set of communication devices in a signal stream having signals for a number of different sets of communications devices.

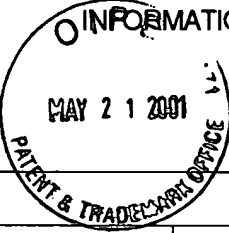
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